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Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the third paragraph on page 11 as follows:

The top-coat in one preferred embodiment comprises hyaluronan, a glycosaminoglycan material found in all mammalian cells, to provide a biocompatible coating system. Such hyaluronan topcoat makes the coated surface extremely slippery or lubricious in character, when wetted with aqueous fluids, and the top-coat is fully compatible in in vivo usage and corporeal contact. There are many other desirable top-coat materials including ~~glycosaminoglycans~~ glycosaminoglycans and mucopolysaccharides such as chondroitin sulfate and heparin, the latter being able to confer desirable anti-thrombogenic character to a coated surface.